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Title : METHOD OF MAKING METALS AND OTHER ELEMENTS

DECLARATION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.9(f)
and 1.27(b) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR WITHOUT CONTRACT

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled METHOD OF MAKING METALS AND OTHER ELEMENTS described in the specification filed herewith, of which is a continuation-in-part of my copending application Serial No. 808/691,423, filed August 2, 1996, which was a continuation of serial no. 08/283,358, filed August 1, 1994.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed nor am I under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention.

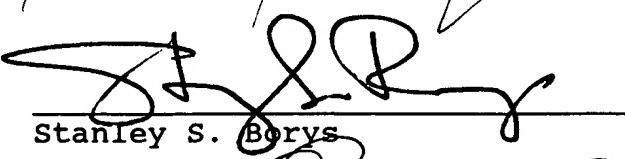
I acknowledge the duty to file in this application, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I declare further that all statements made in this declaration of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon or any patents to which this declaration is directed.

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DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY
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As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD OF MAKING METALS AND OTHER ELEMENTS, the specification of which is attached hereto, which is a continuation-in-part of our previously filed application, Serial No. 08/691,423, filed August 2, 1995, which was a file wrapper continuation of serial no. 08/283,358, filed August 1, 1994.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the claims in this application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56(a).

We hereby appoint EMRICH & DITHMAR, and each and every member and associate thereof and patent agent therein, including Harry M. Levy (Reg. No. 24,248), Paul L. Brown (Reg. No. 27,184), James J. Hill (Reg. No. 24,287), Harold V. Stotland (Reg. No. 24,492), J. Terry Stratman (Reg. No. 25,165), Thomas E. Hill (Reg. No. 28,955), and Howard S. Fuhrman (Reg. No. 33,175) as our attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

And we request that all correspondence in respect to this application be directed to Harry M. Levy, EMRICH & DITHMAR, Suite 3000, 300 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606, whose telephone number is (312)-663-9800.

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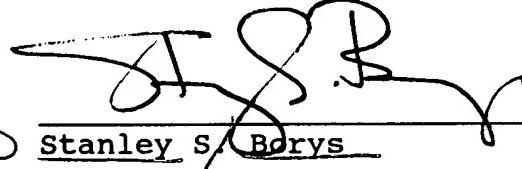
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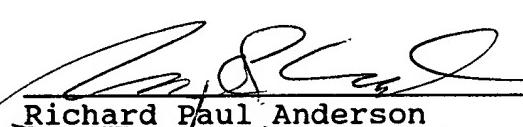
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